

## **Program B: Child Welfare Services**

### **OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

The objectives and performance indicators that appear below are associated with program funding in the Base Executive Budget for FY 2002-2003. Unless otherwise indicated, all objectives are to be accomplished during or by the end of FY 2002-2003. Performance indicators are made up of two parts: name and value. The indicator name describes what is being measured. The indicator value is the numeric value or level achieved within a given measurement period. For budgeting purposes, performance indicators are shown for the prior fiscal year, the current fiscal year, and alternative funding scenarios (continuation budget level and Executive Budget recommendation level) for the ensuing fiscal year of the budget document.

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 AGENCY ID: 10-370 Office of Community Services  
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1. (KEY) To ensure that children are first and foremost protected from abuse and neglect and reduce the recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect of children while in the custody of the Louisiana Department of Social Services.

Strategic Link: To assure that adequate care is provided for 100% of the children in the agency's custody in the least restrictive setting appropriate to meet the needs of the child through June 30, 2003.

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: Not Applicable  
 Children's Cabinet Link: Not Applicable  
 Other Link(s): Not Applicable

Explanatory Note:

L E V E L	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES					
		YEAREND PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2000-2001	ACTUAL YEAREND PERFORMANCE FY 2000-2001	ACT 12 PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2001-2002	EXISTING PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2001-2002	AT CONTINUATION BUDGET LEVEL FY 2002-2003	AT RECOMMENDED BUDGET LEVEL FY 2002-2003
K	Percentage of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the period under review, who had another substantiated or indicated report within a 12 month period	N/A <sup>1</sup>	12.48%	7%	7%	12.2% <sup>2</sup>	12.2%
K	Average number of new cases per Child Protection Investigation (CPI) worker per month	10	10.43	10	10	10	10
K	Percentage of interventions completed within 60 days	55%	46%	55%	55%	50%	50%

<sup>1</sup> This is a new performance indicator for FY 2000-2001. It did not appear under Act 10 of 1999 or Act 11 of 2000 and has no performance standards for FY 1999-2000 and FY 2000-2001. The value

<sup>2</sup> National standard is 6.1 for 6 month period. DSS requests the change the standard to 12.2% for annual period until they have data for a longer period of time to better estimate the standard.

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2. (KEY) To reduce the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect of children in foster care.

Strategic Link: *To ensure the safety of children by protecting them from caretaker abuse.*

Louisiana: *Vision 2020* Link: Not Applicable

Children's Cabinet Link: Not Applicable

Other Link(s): Not Applicable

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K	Number of valid protective services investigations <sup>1</sup> of children in foster care	50	47	35	35	43	43
K	Percentage of foster children who were victims of validated child abuse/neglect while in foster care <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	57%	57%

<sup>1</sup> DSS request indicator change in wording to match federal standard for state fiscal year "Percentage of foster children who were victims of validated child abuse/neglect in foster care.

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3. (KEY) To improve the permanency and placement stability for foster children in the custody of the Louisiana Department of Social Services.

Strategic Link: *To ensure permanency for children in state custody within 2 years of placement through timely placements in permanent homes*

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: Not Applicable

Children's Cabinet Link: Not Applicable

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K	Median length of stay in care for children entering care for the first time (in months)	N/A	13.85	12	12	12	12
K	Percentage of children in care less than 12 months with no more than 2 placements	N/A	77.51%	77%	77%	86.7%	86.7%
K	Percentage of the foster care population on June 30 <sup>1</sup> who have had 0 original placement	21%	16.87%	21%	21%	17%	17%
K	Percentage of the foster care population on June 30 who had 1-2 placements	N/A	39.45%	39%	39%	39%	39%
K	Percentage of the foster care population on June 30 who had 3 plus placements	N/A	43.68%	41%	41%	44%	44%
S	Percentage of children who re-entered foster care within 12 months of a prior foster care episode	N/A	11.6%	13%	13%	17.2%	17.2%
S	Percentage of children reunified in less than 12 months from latest removal	N/A	64.65%	80%	80%	76.2	76.2
K	Percentage of children adopted in less than 24 months from latest removal	N/A	12.10%	26%	26%	32%	32%
S	Percentage of foster care board rate available for adoption subsidy	N/A	80%	100%	80%	80%	80%
K	Number of children available for adoption at June 30	650	811	650	650	750	750
K	Number of adoptive placements at June 30	396	523	450	450	450	450

S	Number of children exiting during the fiscal year	2,880	2,884	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600
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<sup>1</sup> DSS change requested to change wording for "placements" to "replacements" and delete "original."

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4. (SUPPORTING) To provide educational or support services to children, parents and families through local public, non-profit, and "grass-roots" efforts in child abuse and neglect prevention throughout the state.

Strategic Link: *To provide 50,000 educational or support services to children, parents, and families through local public, non-profit, and "grass-roots" efforts in child abuse and neglect prevention throughout the state through June 30, 2003.*

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: Not Applicable

Children's Cabinet Link: Not Applicable

Other Link(s): Not Applicable

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S	Number of grants awarded	175	180	175	175	150	150
S	Amount allocated to grants	\$1,457,356	\$1,505,211	\$1,457,356	\$1,282,356	\$1,114,648	\$1,114,648
S	Number of educational or support services provided in child abuse and neglect prevention	99,000	50,000	100,000	99,000	90,000	90,000

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GENERAL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION:					
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	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1996-97	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1997-98	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1998-99	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1999-00	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 2000-01
Percentage of findings referred to family services	62.96%	62.04%	58.30%	59.57%	59.57%
Total number of children served in protective day care per month (cumulative)	1,241	1,251	1,689	1,808	1,878
Average number of new child protection investigation cases per month	2,318	2,314	2,255	2,117	2,091
Average number of validated cases annually	8,225	8,683	7,664	7,826	7,746

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Average daily payment of 24 our foster care board payments	\$11.26	\$12.16	\$12.16	\$12.16	\$12.29
Number of children receiving foster care services per year (cumulative)	8,740	8,576	7,892	8,128	7,532
Percentage of USDA average cost for Urban South which is paid as family foster care board in Louisiana	86%	86%	86%	86%	79%
Average cost of foster care per child	\$7,372	\$7,800	\$8,635	\$9,677	\$9,308